

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed on 7/8/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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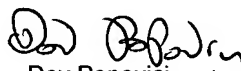
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Shin (U.S. 6,351,320) teaches a memory saving printer driver itself includes a user interface segment having a graphical display for selecting output image aspects. The graphical display includes a media type portion for selecting a desired one of a plural number "M" of different media types for printing an output image thereon (see abstract and see figure 6).

McAfee et al. (U.S. 2003/0206312) teaches a GUI 158 having a media type selection 168 and sending the job to a remote or locally coupled printer depending on media type category.

However, the closest prior art of record, namely, Shin (U.S. 6,351,320) and/or McAfee et al. (U.S. 2003/0206312), do not disclose, teach or suggest, holding means which has a structure that can be accessed independently of said printer driver main body and holds print set information according to a type of sheet that is necessary when the print data is formed; obtaining means for, when it receives a print instruction from said application software, obtaining the print set information corresponding to the instructed sheet type from said holding means; wherein said holding means has an input unit for adding and changing the print set information from an outside, as claimed in independent claim 1.

Furthermore, the closest prior art of record, namely, Shin (U.S. 6,351,320) and/or McAfee et al. (U.S. 2003/0206312), do not disclose, teach or suggest, fetching the converted print set information into a database in which the print set information of each

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sheet of said printer driver has been stored; and searching the selected print set information of the sheet from said database and forming print data on the basis of the print set information, (in combination with the forming and converting steps), as claimed in independent claim 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shin (U.S. 6,351,320) teaches a memory saving printer driver itself includes a user interface segment having a graphical display for selecting output image aspects. The graphical display includes a media type portion for selecting a desired one of a plural number "M" of different media types for printing an output image thereon (see abstract and see figure 6).

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Hayakawa Yukihiro (JP 02004034576A) teaches a printer driver equipped with a user interface which can designate two or more paper attributes, such as, size, type,


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weight and direction of paper to be printed, and a paper feed tray for feeding and sending papers has a means for selecting the paper feed tray applicable to a single or two or more paper attributes as part of a means for designating the paper feed tray.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dov Popovici whose telephone number is 571-272-4083. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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